

JOHN D. HENDERSON.

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Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4139.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4139) granting a pension to John D. Henderson, have examined the same and report:

This bill as amended proposes to increase from \$12 to \$30 per month the pension of John D. Henderson, late first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster Twenty-fifth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, who served from November 1, 1861, to January 1, 1864, when honorably discharged.

Claimant is now receiving the maximum pension of \$12 per month provided by the act of June 27, 1890, for total disability due to injury of right ankle, disease of heart, and senility. He is 72 years of age, and the papers on file in his claim show that he is broken down, totally disabled, and unfit for any occupation by which he might earn his livelihood. His last medical examination, dated March 20, 1901, shows him emaciated, anæmic, with tottering gait, afflicted with injury to right ankle, fractured ribs, fractured right arm, general debility, and the infirmities of age, the examining board reporting that he was entirely incapacitated for any manual labor.

Claimant was severely injured at Corinth, Miss., in the fall of 1862, and had his right arm and leg broken, also three ribs crushed. The medical records show treatment in service for fracture of right arm, but he refused to apply for pension under the general law, and did not apply under any law until the loss of his means, and his inability to earn his support compelled him to ask for aid from the Government. He is now totally incapacitated and absolutely without any means of support. Your committee are of opinion that his case is a worthy one

for special legislation, and report the bill back favorably with a recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of John D. Henderson, late first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster Twenty-fifth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of thirty dollars per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

Also amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to John D. Henderson."

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